

General Telegraphic News

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Plumer Makes a Capture.

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Shot on the Stage.

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Winnipeg, April 29.—Lord Kitchener continues the process of wearing down the Boers who, however, are very active in the Kroonstad district where they recently derailed two trains and also after a severe fight captured 25 men of the Prince of Wales Light Horse who they stripped of their horses and accoutrements and then liberated.

Col. Plumer's force captured a small lager of 45 men including the notorious Transvaal state engineer Munro, who planned the destruction of the Johannesburg mines in the spring of last year, and his father who was formerly Landrost of Boksburg.

Sydney, New York, April 27.—Hon. Clifford Sifton, Canadian minister of the interior, and Sir Louis Davies, minister of Marine and Fisheries, with Mrs. Sifton and Lady Davies, arrived here from Ottawa to-night. Private business is the object of the visit it is said.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 27.—Special a special train from Burnsville, N. C., says: "While playing the tragedy 'Last upon the World' in the closing exercises at the Stanley McCorquodale high school at Burnsville last night, a real tragedy was enacted when R. N. McInturf, one of the students, was shot and killed by Bates Bailey, another student, both representing characters in the play. When it became necessary for Bailey in his role to defend himself with a revolver, again a drawn knife in the hands of McInturf he used by mistake a loaded pistol and in the presence of several hundred people McInturf was shot dead on the stage. The boys were room mates, and special friends.

Whitemouth, Man., April 28.—Last night E. W. Blenk, a German, shot and killed another German named Rodeke. Blenk went to get his cattle and was followed by Rodeke and his wife armed with an axe. Blenk stood them off and warned them not to come nearer than ten yards. He shot Rodeke in self-defense and said he was first struck with an axe. This morning Blenk went in to No. 1 express to Winnipeg to give himself up to the authorities.

Cape Town, April 27.—The pro-Boer "South African News," whose editor Mr. Cartwright, was sentenced a few days ago to a year's imprisonment for libelling General Kitchener, after professed contempt for the Australian troops, once described them as "the scum of the earth." As the Australians were in the eye of embarking for home the other night they attacked the "News" office. They smashed windows and unshod a door which they used as a battering ram to smash the tables and other furniture. They scattered files and destroyed typewriters. The editor escaped through a window. The next day the military authorities sent an official to pay for the damage done.

Montreal, Que., April 25.—The steamship, "Lake Champlain," Capt. Stewart, the first passenger steamer of the season, arrived last evening. One of the features of the landing was the return of Canadian troops from South Africa. There were 21 men in khaki and they were heartily welcomed by a number of local military men. The vessel reported a splendid voyage and saw little ice. Six hundred and fifty two steerage passengers were landed in excellent condition at Quebec. Most of them had tickets through to western ports.

Montreal, Que., April 28.—The Stearns and solidarum munierum which the citizens of Montreal have decided to erect in honor of Lord Strathcona and the men of the various Canadian contingents is to take the form of either a triumphal arch or a Grecian column. It is to be placed on the northern half of Dominion square the site to be subject to the approval of the city council. Its cost and dimensions will be governed by the amount of subscriptions received, but it is hoped to expend at least \$50,000 on the project. The memorial committee aim to raise \$100,000 and it looks now as if it would probably succeed in securing that amount over \$15,000 having already been subscribed.

Montreal, Que., April 28.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Father Jelley has been solved by the finding of the priest's body in the lake of Two Mountains. The missing priest was stationed at St. Emeric, a small place in Joliette County. He disappeared last November and after his disappearance it was found that he had large sums of money in Montreal banks and that shortly before his disappearance he had withdrawn \$2,000. The Archbishop of Montreal placed the case in the hands of Detective McCaskill, of the Quebec police, and as a result of diligent search the body of the priest was found yesterday. It is generally believed that the priest committed suicide. An inquest will be held tomorrow at Joliette.

Louis Macbeth, a Winnipegger, dropped dead.

W. J. Archer, Toronto, received fatal burns.

The spread of small pox in Ontario is alarming.

Experts estimate the Yukon clean up at thirty million dollars.

Adam Laflaw, a Hamilton merchant, is dead.

Capt. Hackland, a retired H. B. officer, died in Winnipeg.

Horatio G. Smith, celebrated his 81st birthday Saturday.

Cattle ranches in Nebraska were wiped out by prairie fires.

The Odd Fellows of Winnipeg had their annual church parade.

Judge King, of the supreme court, Ottawa, is seriously ill.

Manager Heubach, of the Winnipeg fair, has returned with the list of 1901 attractions.

There was a serious slump in Centre Star mining stock.

A Winnipeg militia man was fined for neglecting to attend drill.

A train from Pekin to Tien Tsin was derailed, killing eleven persons.

Forest fires are doing serious damage in the vicinity of Ashland, Wis. Shamrock 2nd has rallied for the soldiers for the trial races with Shamrock 1st.

Nine Chinamen will be executed in the American quarters at Pekin to-day.

A German millionaire and his secretary were eaten by natives of New Britain.

Hon. Clifford Sifton and Sir Louis Davies, Canadian ministers, are in Syracuse, N. Y.

John McLean, jeweller, formerly of Revolstone, B. C., received a fatal fall in Toronto.

A Newfoundland sealer the "Virginia Lake," is surrounded by a field of ice twenty feet thick.

Sir Arthur Sullivan's new Irish opera "The Emerald Isle," had a successful first night in London.

A thousand dollar bill was sustained out of a Main street business house Saturday night in Winnipeg.

The third international chess match England vs. United States, was declared a draw.

The catalog list at the chemical exhibition in Gießen, Germany, shows 17 dead and 40 injured.

Sir William McDonald, of Montreal, extended his elementary education as to assist rural schools.

Army reform is coming along in the British way and there is much discussion in official circles.

The gas well recently discovered at Melita is undoubtedly a great find and there is much excitement in the district.

Glasgow citizens have organized a salvo trust to rejoin the traffic in liquor by starting superior drinking places.

W. J. Travis, amateur golf champion of the United States, was defeated by Findlay S. Douglas, the former champion.

A party of negroes brutally assaulted a woman at Connsville, Pa., and shot her husband twice, mortally wounding him.

Mr. Cummings, who is visiting Durban on behalf of the Canadian government, is favorably impressed with the trading possibilities between Canada and Native South Africa.

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The gates at the Pan-American exhibition open on Wednesday. The director of the fair has decided a decision regarding the opening.

It is believed that the Canada Atlantic, the Great Lakes and the Quebec Great Northern lines to secure an outlet from Chicago to the sea.

The Boers derailed two trains near Kroonstad and captured 25 men. Munro, the notorious Transvaal state engineer, with 45 other men has been made a prisoner by the British.

LOCAL

Geo. Durrand, of Fort Saskatchewan, was in town yesterday.

Alexander's reserve, Mrs. Pierre Qui Barre, has been appointed.

Tom Anderson of Morrisville, has Wednesday killed with a club a large bear in a field near his house.

J. W. Shera, M. L. A., left on Saturday for Winnipeg and points in the east. He will not return until after the sitting of the legislature.

—Theather gofers are organizing a club. The links are being secured on the west side of town.

H. Lorne, of Ross Bros., left for the Landes last week, but being taken sick on the way was forced to stop at a farm house a few miles from town, where he has remained.

The last assembly of the young bachelors was held in Robertson Hall on Friday evening. A large number were present. Excellent music was furnished by an orchestra under the leadership of Mr. G. E. Peckover.

A meeting will be held in the council chamber at 9 o'clock Tuesday evening for the purpose of discussing the matter of the organization of a mounted rifle corps here. All interested are requested to attend.

P. E. Lessard, census enumerator for Edmonton West, has almost completed his labors, particularly in the town itself. If by any chance anyone has been overlooked Mr. Lessard would esteem it a favor if they would let him know.

A special train came in last evening.

—Const. Kennedy, N. W. M. P., has been transferred to Battleford.

—Supt. Griesbach left for Battleford yesterday morning on a special train.

—Local sportsmen are after the ducks.

The traps brought in contain everything from wind to dove cotes.

—Immigration agent Suter goes south in the morning on immigration business among the towns along the line.

—Mrs. Christina Horn, a lunatic from Laconia, goes to Brandon tomorrow in charge of a matron and Const. McClellan.

—The police, along with police stores and the horses and effects of Supt. Griesbach, went down the river Saturday bound for Battleford.

—Yesterday was observed as hospital Sunday in the Protestant churches of the town, the collections going to the public hospital.

—The police force created a commotion on Saturday night by parading hurrily down the sidewalk on Jasper avenue with on'y a whiffle tree in connection.

—Jos. Savard, of Athabasca Landing was arrested by the mounted police, Saturday, charged with having obtained \$15 from Frank Lortie, a woman of easy virtue.

—The body of the late John Kettys was taken to Clearwater on Thursday and buried in the cemetery there at 10 a.m. on Friday. Rev. F. C. Vaughan conducted the funeral service.

—Another victim of "Teddy" was taken to the civic hospital on Saturday. The hospital was to have been closed to-morrow but under the circumstances was to remain open for the time being.

—S. W. Love, who arrived in large numbers at Edina. This is earlier than usual. It will be remembered that swallows did not make their appearance the year of the 24th of May sports here.

—At a meeting of the athletic association in Strathcona last week the question was discussed of the formation of a Mounted Rifles corps for Northern Alberta and it was resolved to wire Frank Lovell, M. P., to urge the creation of the district corps of the militia now being established in other parts of the Territories.

—Joseph Bellrose was on Saturday committed by trial by police magistrate Cavan's to the police barracks, or cellars of breaking and entering from the house of Delair Bard, farm instructor at Alexander's Reserve. The Indian Joseph, said to be implicated with Bellrose in the burglary, could not be caught in owing to his being quarantined up the reserve. He will be tried later.

—Chas. Kennedy, the lunatic on the way from Fort Saskatchewan to Brandon asylum, was stopped at Regina in consequence of a telegram to the North-West Mounted Police stating the man was too ill to travel. Dr. Low met the train and found the unfortunate man almost pulseless; that is, in a dying condition. The invalid was in a condition which the doctor had been compelled to admit as a lunatic and was at once taken to Regina jail for safety and medical attendance. He died on the 25th. The unfortunate man came from Lacombe.

—Troopers Whiteley and Tucker, of the 1st Dragoons, who returned last week, bring news of the death in the police detachment here and one of the most popular comedies in the history of the time of the formation of Strathcona's Home Guard. Harding was on duty in the Yukon and volunteered for service in Africa. After serving with his regiment until all were ordered home he joined the 1st Dragoons, being made a quartermaster sergeant. On the arrival of the Strathconians in England they learned that their late companion had been killed in action the latter end of January or the 1st of February.

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PARLIAMENT.

Ottawa, April 19.

The railway committee dealt with the most important item of parliamentary business on yesterday's list namely the Crow's Nest Southern railway charter, which was agreed to with very little discussion and without a vote. The passage of the bill by the railway committee without opposition practically ensures its acceptance by the house.

This bill was an application by a company composed largely of the persons constituting the Crow's Nest Coal company, for power to build a railway from the coal mines at Michel's and Fernie on the Crow's Nest Pass railway to the international boundary, there to connect with a branch of the Great Northern railway coming up the valley of the Kootenay from Jennings, Washington. The purpose to be served by the construction of the railway was to secure competition in the transport of coal and coke from the Fernie mines to the Montana smelters. At present coke is hauled from Fernie to United States railway connections over the C. P. R. lines east and west from Fernie. These connections are reached at Leithbridge to the east and Creston junction to the west. By the construction of the proposed Crow's Nest Southern road giving direct access to United States lines over what would practically be the Coal company's own railway, the C. P. R. would be cut out of this traffic. Hence the opposition of that company to the construction of the road. For a time the opposition was based squarely on the right of the C. P. R. to a monopoly of the railway traffic in the Kootenay. But it soon became evident that this argument had not sufficient weight to prevent the granting of the charter. Then the ground was shifted, and the bogey of danger to the smelting interests of British Columbia was set up. The fear was expressed that the Coal company might fall under the control of the smelting interests of the United States and discriminate against Canadian smelters in the sale of coal, thereby injuring and destroying those interests. How they were more liable to fall under that control because they would have three railway routes to the United States smelters instead of only two to one ever condescended to explain and very few to consider. Nor yet how with 50,000 acres of the Crow's Nest coal lands owned by the government and 5,000 acres owned by the C. P. R. the present Coal company could be supposed to have a monopoly of the coal supply. Although the argument was made for the sole and only purpose of preventing the building of the Crow's Nest Southern railway, it has had a good result. It has not prevented the building of two railways and it has been the means of introducing in most drastic form the idea of protection of the public interest in the granting of public franchises. The cry of danger to the smelting interests was met by the assurance of the Coal company that they were just as anxious to secure an increase of the market for their product in British Columbia by increase in the capacity and number of smelters there as they were to secure an increase of their market in the States by cheapening the cost of transportation to the smelting centres there. And in proof of their good faith they expressed their willingness to accept the railway charter conditionally on their being bound to deal fairly by the British Columbia smelters. There was some difficulty in delay and coming to a satisfactory agreement, but when the railway committee met yesterday morning an arrangement which was said to be mutually satisfactory was announced. Although the Coal company and the railway company are in law entirely separate, in the agreement they are united, and jointly agree to submit to the conditions. First the companies agree not to discriminate unfairly either in prices of coal or coke or in rates of transportation against Canadian in favor of United States consumers. Second, the governor-in-council is to decide what is unfair discrimination. Third, the company is subject to a fine of \$3.00 for each ton of coke or coal which has been the subject of such unfair discrimination. And fourth, when the governor-in-council is satisfied that effective competition in the supply of coal and coke exists the foregoing restrictions may be suspended during the existence of such active competition.

It would be a mistake to jump to the conclusion that these restrictions absolutely prevent the cheaper sale of coke in the United States than in Canada. This was mentioned by Mr. Sifton in explanation. It might be necessary, as a business proposition, at times for the company to sell coke under cost in the United States in order to meet competition, and hold their trade. To compete them to sell at the same price in Canada would simply mean that they must go out of business. The governor-in-council was the judge as to what was unfair to the Canadian smelters.

While this restrictive agreement does not appear to have been necessary and may not be effective, inasmuch as it is a notable and important acknowledgment of the duty of parliament to protect the public interests it is of value. And the fact that it was made at the demand of that company which above all others has objected to being controlled in the public interest gives it all the greater strength as a precedent. It looks almost as though the strife between the C. P. R. and the Coal company the public came in for

some consideration. A case of "When thieves fall out honest men get their due."

A most peculiar thing in this connection, and showing the utter dishonesty of the arguments put up against the granting of the Crow's Nest Southern charter on public grounds, was the acceptance by the railway committee without a word of objection from any source of another railway charter covering exactly the same ground between the coal mines and the boundary, and therefore just as dangerous to Canadian interests as the Crow's Nest Southern. Whatever legitimate reasons existed against granting the Crow's Nest Southern charter existed against this one. But because it did not belong to the coal companies it was unopposed. And yet if it is finally granted, as appears certain the terrible Jim Hill may acquire it and build under its provisions instead of under the Crow's Nest Southern, and thereby the Coal company avoid the restrictions imposed by the agreement in respect of the Crow's Nest Southern.

The transportation debate occupied the whole of Thursday as well as Wednesday and seemed likely to go on today. A great deal of valuable information has been imparted, but there is as yet no sign of a definite conclusion being reached. The advantages of the proposed Georgian Bay canal were aired by Haggart, ex-minister of railways. Fitzpatrick, solicitor-general, advocated Qu'Appelle as the natural port of Canada and expressed doubt as to the utility of the vast expenditures being needed to make Montreal a deep water ocean port. The minister of public works upheld Montreal while warning all friendliness towards Quebec, and announced that four millions had been spent to deepen the St. Lawrence and some two millions more would be necessary to make a channel 30 feet deep and 450 feet wide between Quebec and Montreal. He favored the Georgia Bay canal, but thought the expenditure too large to be undertaken at present. He favored a start being made, not this year but possibly next, by improving the navigation of French river so that the large steamers of the upper lakes could land at North Bay on Lake Nipissing. This would give the shortest possible rail haul between the lakes and Montreal and would cost about two millions. The distance from North Bay to the mouth of French river is 85 miles. It may be remembered that the Mackenzie government intended to make the line from Montreal to the mouth of French river the first link in the transcontinental railway. Commenting on remarks by German, M. P. for Welland, the minister said that his policy had been to make large harbor improvements at Port Colborne, and at Montreal, port or secure the building of elevators or port piers, so as to develop a steam boat route through the canals and Lake Ontario between Port Colborne and Montreal. He has placed half a million dollars in the estimates for the works at Port Colborne previous to his going to Europe. But after he left the items were reduced, and the work correspondingly delayed. It was in this case, however, he elongated the C. P. R. as Canada's national highway, and declared his intention of supporting it in Canada's interest. This remark elicited rapturous applause from the opposition and dead silence from the government side of the house.

WINTER IN ALASKA.

The following despatch, the truth of which there seems to be good reason to doubt, appears in the Alaskan of Skagway, having been telegraphed from Dawson:

"The town was shaken from one end to the other when Mr. Reed, clerk in Judge Noye's court at Nome, announced that just before he left Nome 200 miners were frozen to death from exposure during one of the worst storms for which that camp is noted. The forepart of the season was mild and the Cheechacos thought that all of the stories of 50 degrees below zero and blizzards were myths, and in spite of all warnings given by Sourdough residents, they perished in stampeding to every 'Jim-Crow' creek which was bounded by various recorders, who were prompted simply by a desire to take in money for recording fees.

"By New Year's" the real winter set in. The mercury dropped to 50 degrees below and wind such as white man never before encountered blew for weeks. The dogs, which were left outside over night perished and carcasses of frozen animals were strewn all over town. New comers living in single board and tarpaper shanties poorly put together by inexperienced hands, suffered untold agony from the cold and it was with the greatest difficulty that hundreds of lives were saved. Medical skill was called in many times, and the hospitals were full of people who were frozen on some part of the bodies. The hospital was taxed to its utmost and too much credit cannot be given to Mr. Elliott who is in charge for his ministering care of the sufferers.

"On the occasion of the storm in question, a terrible blizzard was blowing and when it abated, the bodies of 200 miners were found lying all along the coast. Some of the unfortunate had gone to Clarence to stake properties, and those whose lifeless bodies were found near St. Michael had gone there to secure supplies, some of which had gone to Nome. One of the two hundred men only, a part of them have been identified, and most of the bodies were interred by kind hands near the place where found."

From the Advertiser.

Dave Stewart, horse dealer, of Edmonton paid us a business visit last week.

F. C. Jamieson, of Strathcona, spent Sunday with relatives here.

J. B. Mercer, wholesale liquor dealer, of Edmonton, was doing business in town on Thursday last.

G. F. Stevenson, inspector of agencies of Dominion lands, who has recently completed an inspection of offices in the west, says that according to reports received, two hundred entries were made at Lacombe over and above any other sub-agency, from July 1st to December 1st, 1900.

TOUR THE WEST.

The C. P. R. Co., is advertising extensively in England a "personally conducted" tour over the main line west this summer. The price is £100. Quebec, Thursday June 29, and return for £47. There is every indication that a great crowd of British tourists, who usually spend their summer on the continent, will visit Canada in consequence. From the information available it would appear that no provision is made for the tourists visiting Northern Alberta, the garden of the west. This important matter should be brought before the C. P. R. authorities.

JUDICIAL SALE

—OR—

Farm Property.

Pursuant to an order of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories in the matter of a certain mortgage made by Amédée Munier.

There will be offered for sale with the approbation of the Deputy Clerk of the said Court at Edmonton by Wm. S. Scott, Esq., Auctioneer, at Robson Hall, in the Town of Edmonton, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Tuesday, the 21st day of May, A. D., 1901.

All and singular the South West quarter of Section 30, Township of Fifty-Six, in the Town Twenty-five, west of South Meridian in the District of Alberta.

The property will be offered for sale for sale with a reserve bid. The purchaser will pay 20 per cent. of his bid to the vendor. The auctioneer will receive 5 per cent. of the sum of sale and the balance within 30 days thereafter into Court to the credit of the cause without interest.

Further particulars may be had from Messrs. Taylor & Boyle, Advocates, Edmonton.

Dated at Edmonton this 20th day of April, A. D., 1901.

(sgd.) ALEX. TAYLOR,
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For Sale or Rent.

S. E. quarter section 30, township 55, range 42, west of 4th. The above farm is good and high with 40 acres broken. All fenced. About 20 tons of hay can be raised on grass growing through the east side of farm. School at corner of section. Two school sections along side 19-29. Suitable for any person wishing pasture, \$1,300. Easy terms. Apply to Bulletin or

C. CAREBUTHERS,
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BULLS FOR N. W. T.

Arrangements have again been made by the Pure Bred Cattle Breeders Association of Canada whereby breed bulls will be shipped from Manitoba to the Territories under arrangements with the Territorial government. Apply to Department of Agriculture, Regina, for a copy of the rules. Each bull will be paid \$50 per head. Cattle will be disengaged as soon as sufficient animals are booked.

The Association can confidently recommend that dealers in purchase stock to place their orders with Mr. William Sherman, Souris, Man., who will again take charge of the shipments.

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BIG FAIR DIRECTORS MEET.

The directors of the Industrial Exhibition Association met on Saturday evening in the secretary's office, all the directors being present.

The contracts were awarded for the building of the grand stand and the exhibition buildings, the first contract being given to Wm. Dietz, of Stratheona. Mr. Dietz, was the contractor for the new Stratheona school. The contract for the exhibition building was awarded to K. A. McLeod. Several tenders were put in for each contract.

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SMALL POLE IN THE TERRITORIES.

The provincial board of health of Manitoba is in receipt of a report from Mr. C. W. Peterson, deputy minister of the department of agriculture at Regina, on the small pox cases in the Northwest Territories. In reply to inquiries made by Mr. E. M. Wood, Mr. Peterson states that the origin of the outbreak has been traced to the Kootenay, and the disease was first brought to MacLeod by a man who had come from Fort Walsh. There have been two cases at MacLeod, two at Letbridge, one at Pincher Creek, three at Maple Creek, one at Fort Walsh, and others at Onion lake, Fort Saskatchewan, and Fort Macleod. The disease was first brought to Letbridge, at the latter places among the half-breeds reserves. Mr. Peterson states that the disease is now under control of the local health officers, and the mounted police are on duty to see that the infected districts where quarantine regulations are being rigidly enforced. All danger of the disease spreading is now at an end, and the suspected cases are all under quarantine.

GROWING FLAX ALONG WITH WHEAT.

In some parts of Northern Minnesota and Dakota, flax and wheat are grown together, and judging from reports of such crops published from time to time in the agricultural papers of those States, the results are satisfactory. The following letter, which appeared recently in the St. Paul Farmer, is interesting in this connection:

—My plan of seeding is first harrow the ground well before putting any seed on. I then sow flax with Cylene seed. I then sow wheat with Cylene seed. This saves time and labor. I aim to sow about one peck of flax per acre. I follow this with five-inch shot drill and sow one bushel and one peck of wheat per acre. I then follow with a half peck of flax seed. I then follow with a half peck of wheat seed. Of course, a light harrowing will do no harm. The main object in this plan of seeding is to have flax broadcast and wheat in rows, and one kind of grain does not crowd the other. This gives ample space that would otherwise be supporting a growth of weeds of various kinds. The last year was a very bad one generally for small grain in the localities where I live. I had an acre of four and one-half bushels of flax per acre and eighteen bushels of wheat where I had the two sown together, and not over ten bushels of wheat where there was no flax sown with it.

Our grain inspectors receive the mixed grain just as it comes from the threshing machine. They take a sample and screen it and determine the per cent. of each, flax and wheat, and pay for each separately. The flax seed is sold at 15¢ per bushel. The wheat is sold at 25¢ per bushel. I have never had any trouble with the wheat being better where the two were sown. It cost me four cents per bushel for threshing, same as was charged for threshing clear wheat. I believe that farmers can materially increase their income by sowing flax with wheat in this manner.

THE WAR.

A despatch from Pretoria says that General French is slightly indisposed, and it has been recommended that he take a short rest at his headquarters. He has therefore returned to Johannesburg, from which he is now under way. The intelligence department reports that a large percentage of Boers in the district where the largest commandos are collected are without horses.

The attractive subject of peace negotiations between the Boers and the British has been the subject of much discussion by the correspondents. The Times representative says enigmatically that further overtures from the Boers would not cause surprise.

BIRTHS.

Marker.—At Wetaskiwin on April 15th, the wife of Mr. Marker, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

Grams—Miller.—A Camilla R. C. Grams, on April 16th, by Rev. Mr. Apton Grams to Miss Mary Miller, of Glenary settlement. About 125 guests partook of the wedding repast at the home of the bride's parents.

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